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2. The following units were cited as being Communist-dominated and influenced: Third Cavalry Group, Riobamba; Seventh Infantry Battalion, Carchi; Ninth Infantry Battalion, Guayaquil; and the Fifth Infantry Battalion, Portoviejo.
3. Major Policarpo Giron, formerly of the Ninth Infantry Battalion, is believed to be one of the Communist leaders for the coastal area, and is using the Communist support to further his own personal ambitions. He has expressed his desire to be assigned to the Ecuadorian Embassy in Washington as Military Attache.

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Comment: The estimate of fifty per cent, mentioned above, is believed to be high and lacks confirmation from Communist sources. There appears to be a tendency in the Army to blame all insubordination on Communism, while it appears more likely that it is due to corruption, inefficiency, and poor discipline.

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